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Green Plans Business Era for Mich.

New State Executive Invites Aid of Legislature in First Message

Outlines Plan at Joint Session

Cement Plant, Grand Trunk, and Other Matters to Come Up Later

A business administration in keeping with his primary promises, honest conduct of state affairs, genuine service by every state employee, decent treatment of all legitimate business enterprises, is the thread that runs through every recommendation made by Governor Fred W. Green in his first message to the Michigan legislature, which was read personally by the governor before a joint session of the senate and the house Thursday noon. (January 6, 1927).

It is an extremely difficult thing to write a message from the outside looking in, so I am going to refrain from discussing many things that are of great interest to Michigan until my viewpoint is improved.

It is not possible for me at this time to give you the state's financial condition. I am having an audit made of the books and an inventory of the property. When these are completed, I will give them to you and to the public. I do know that the highway department has pledged its revenues in advance; that the state is not paying its bills; that Jackson prison over the general fund nearly a million and a half dollars; that taxes have been levied and money raised for specific appropriations and then spent for other purposes. There are many disturbing rumors in regard to the state's financial condition which will only be quieted by an independent audit such as is now underway.

In the future there will be regular reports of receipts and expenditures that will reveal the state's true financial condition. In this connection a statute punishing the juggling of funds in public reports might well be adopted.

Many departments and institutions have failed in recent years to make reports. This will be corrected. I do not believe expensive books with more or less beautiful pictures of officers should be issued, but short, concise, accurate reports are necessary for the information of the public.

At the last election the people refused an increase of pay for members of the legislature, although the compensation is notoriously inadequate. This vote seems to indicate that the

people are not satisfied with the service of our law-making bodies.

How, then, can we better this service? One of the outstanding things that must be done is the curtailment of the activities of lobbyists. One of their vicious practices is to give members bills that appear to be meritorious, but which affect some moneyed interest adversely. When the bill has been announced as sure of passage, or if it is passed by one house, the lobbyist waits upon the interest affected by the bill and for a consideration offers to see that it is killed. This form of extortion is known by the public generally and brings not only the legislature but the whole state government into disrepute. You can stamp this thing out. I will help. If some of the notorious lobbyists of the past put in an appearance at this term of the legislature, I will call your attention to them by name. In this connection permit me to mention for consideration the New York law licensing lobbyists.

One of the handicaps under which you labor is the fact that so few business men and others come to Lansing and inform you on the subjects in which they are interested. They send out representatives who are actuated solely by a desire to make a showing for their employers. These representatives hang about the legislature, needing in things in which they have no personal interest, and generally create an unwholesome atmosphere.

You are anxious for accurate information, and I hope you will be visited by representative farmers, laboring men, women, industrial leaders and other groups, who could render valuable service by giving first hand information on the subjects on which they are authority. The legislature would not intentionally injure any lawful business. Nothing is better for our government than to have business men take a genuine interest in legislative matters and come in person when they are interested in pending legislation. Nothing is more subversive of good government than a paid lobbyist. There is no substitute in government for the keenest interest of good citizens.

This legislature could easily become the outstanding legislature of the United States with every member going home proud of the achievement and with an acknowledged place in the history of Michigan, if you would succeed to your work on the theory that we need no more laws. Many legislatures have passed into history because of the quantity of their production. You could become famous if you insisted on quality. Every student of our form of government will tell you that we are, as a country, suffering from too much law. Refuse to legislate on any subject except those that history and experience have shown can profitably be the subject of law. Don't make laws against acts that are not of themselves immoral, do not pass laws that have little public sentiment back of them.

Since the state highway department was made dependent upon the administrative board in financial matters, it has been dropped squarely into the lap of politics with direful results. Contracts have been let to pet contractors who did not even bid on the job, costs have been excessive, reports have been sent out that were not accurate, contractors have been obliged to wait for their money, revenue have been pledged long in advance of their receipt, promises of roads have been made for political reasons, and now there are no quiet rumors regarding the quality of the cement used on some roads. This department is a shining example of inefficiency. These conditions will be rectified. I advocate a comprehensive plan covering the construction of roads for a term of years, laid out by engineers in accordance with our economic necessities. Hard surfaced roads are so necessary and so expensive that the road dollar must give a full one hundred cents of value. It is not doing that now.

The administrative board act has failed and should be amended because it places too much power in the hands of the governor. The provision that made it necessary for the governor to call proceedings before they were legal made dummies of the other members of the board. These men soon lost interest in the board's actions and it became a one-man affair. Give the members of the board the right to override the governor's veto by a substantial majority and this board will operate like the board of directors in a business corporation, as the legislature originally intended.

The state's books and auditing will be returned to the auditor general, but a statute to that effect will not be necessary. However, one may be necessary later to keep them there. Members of the late governor's law firm and state officers have been appearing as attorneys before state boards and state officers. This practice commercializes political influence. It has been carried on before the security and parole officials, greatly impeding just and honest action. I respectfully urge a statute stopping it. A state officer recently received a ridiculously large sum of money for acting as receiver. This is merely a form of political graft and

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should also be forbidden by law.

No state can boast of a better educational system than ours. The people are justly proud of it and vote tremendous sums of money for its support. No step backward will ever be taken, but in these days of heavy taxes every effort should be made to cut down expenses, especially if you can increase efficiency.

We have separate boards over our normals, the Michigan State College, the University, the College of Mines. While they are all a part of one system, there is no unified control. Their activities are limited only by the amount of money given them by the state. Each is now working along its own line, independent of the others, and there is a great deal of duplication. We could improve our educational system materially, make it more efficient, cut large sums from the necessary appropriation, if we put these institutions under a single board elected by the people. I would also put the selection of the superintendent of public instruction into the hands of this board, removing this office from politics. Thus you coordinate the secondary school system of the state with the higher educational institutions.

Some of our state institutions are in need of repairs and new buildings, but with the limited information at my command I can make but few recommendations regarding them. Neither can I make many recommendations regarding our educational needs.

The Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids is in disgraceful physical condition and should have immediate attention. There is necessity for the amendment of our mining laws. The recent terrible catastrophe in the Upper Peninsula brings the question of state inspection very forcibly to our attention. I believe there should be a state mining inspector connected with the department of labor and industry, with provision for state supervision and regulation. It might be well if the county inspectors were selected by the board of supervisors of the county in which the mine to be inspected is located. Inspection and regulation should include all mines.

The state tuberculosis sanatorium at Howell has been neglected until today its physical condition is a disgrace to the state. This is a worthwhile institution in which the state has a large investment. All our prisons are congested and there will be no relief until the new Jackson prison has been completed. When it is ready I shall urge that first offenders be kept in a prison by themselves, protected from the contaminating influence of the hardened criminal. Crime is on the increase and as it will be considerably harder for prisoners to secure their release in the next few years, we may need additional prison space.

The inmates of our various prisons are fed, clothed, housed and entertained, but the expense is very high to the taxpayer. Some of the prisoners are engaged in productive industry, some are engaged in road building, some in farming, but a large proportion are kept in idleness. In a prison population of 5,335 there are 1,243 who are not working. Free labor is justly complaining of prison competition. This is largely because prison products have been sold at prices much below the market.

A large percentage of the men in prison are there because they refuse to work; they never learned habits of industry. If these men are not made to work while they are in prison, there is little chance of genuine reformation. Prisoners must all work but they should compete with free labor as little as possible, and their product should never be sold for less than the same product manufactured by free labor.

In the Michigan state reformatory at Ionia they have established the dormitory system. It groups several hundred inmates in a large sleeping room. Enough guards can not be placed in the room to prevent unmentionable crimes. This terrible condition has been allowed to exist over the protest of every warden connected with the institution. I am getting estimates of the cost of replacing the present dormitories with cell blocks. Judge Royal A. Hawley, who investigated the escape of 26 inmates, condemns the dormitory system. In commenting upon conditions in this institution he says, "Plots and conspiracies are still too rife, escapes are too frequent and costly. Offenses against prison discipline and crimes against the state are much too numerous."

The new law, providing for one parole commissioner is susceptible of much abuse and it is more expensive than the old three-man board. I would recommend a return to the old board system. The parole and pardoning power

should be applied in the open, after careful investigation to undo the inevitable injustice of our police and court systems. Then the man without money or influential friends, but who deserves his freedom, will have a substantial basis for hope. No longer should it be generally understood that the first requisite for paroles or pardons is the employing of lawyers with influence in the proper quarters.

The man who carries a gun when committing a felony should be treated as a potential murderer. We should memorialize Congress for the law forbidding the unregulated interstate shipment of pistols. There are men who make crime their business and who are in and out of prison many times. To care for these offenders in New York a man convicted of four felonies is automatically sentenced to prison for life. The number of paroles that any one man can have is limited. This law, known as the Baume Law, is a great success. In Ohio a man sentenced to life imprisonment is not eligible to parole.

Little has been done towards completing the Women's prison, although an appropriation was made for that purpose. When in possession of all the facts, I shall lay them before you so that this necessary institution may be completed.

I would respectfully call your attention to the Mothers' Pension Act, which needs strengthening, and which should be made mandatory. One of the great issues in the United States today is the situation in which the farmer, the producer of the necessities of life, finds himself. For a state administration to promise relief for all that harasses and perplexes the farmer would be folly, but in every department of state government the needs of the farmer and the hardships of this section of our population must be kept actively in mind. Those in charge of our finances, of our institutions of science and learning, of our lawmaking, and of every other branch of state administration, must do everything, at all times, to defend and promote the farmer's interests, and to co-operate with the national agencies in the improvement of conditions that are at the very foundation of our economic system.

The tax problem is bound up with the whole unfortunate condition of the state's finances. Lightening the burden of the direct property tax must be the first purpose of every change in our system of taxation, and we must not create any new sources of revenue unless this money is to be used to reduce the property tax. We must exhaust every method of reducing expenditures. Michigan has not kept her faith with the farmer or her hand, nor with business interests on the other, in the matter of taxation.

The state police have many things to their credit and many more that are not. They have been allowed to interfere unduly in local matters in which they have no justifiable part and individuals have been made to feel their displeasure. Together with other departments, they have been made part of a political machine. A small body of state police, composed of trained men who could be sent quickly to any part of the state when needed, will serve the state well. In this body of men should be experts along all police lines. They should be equipped with airplanes for emergency summons. One or more towns in each county should have flying fields lighted for night use.

The state police should not interfere with the local authorities of any county unless summoned by the sheriff, except where there has been a breaking down of the county law enforcement.

The adoption of a constitutional amendment providing a limit of one term of four years for the office of governor would make for good government.

The fact that our Workmen's Compensation Act is inadequate has been carried by me to the people, and they have instructed us by their votes to strengthen it. The Republican party has pledged itself to this work, and I know you will faithfully and honestly carry out the pledge. A report made by a specially appointed commission to the last legislature will be found helpful.

There are many changes and simplifications necessary in our election laws. If possible, there should be some rules governing our primary, looking to the development of a sportsmanlike contest rather than the present rough and tumble. It should be required that all campaign literature bear the name or names of those responsible for its circulation to the end that it shall be possible to fix the responsibility for any libel they may contain. The public, as well as the candidates, are entitled to this protection. The pre-primary convention is a splendid innovation as it gives political parties, rather than individuals, the right to nominate candidates. (Continued on last page)

CHARITY BALL WAS MOST ENJOYABLE

NEW YEAR'S FROLIC LARGELY ATTENDED

A very large attendance was had at the annual New Year's party, given as a benefit for Mercy hospital by the Hospital Aid society. It was held on New Year's eve at the school gymnasium, and that large floor was, at times, taxed to the limit with dancers.

The decorating committee hadn't been slow in their efforts to make the place attractive. Silver strands fastened at regular intervals about the balcony joined a center piece in which was a brilliantly lighted star. Festoons of evergreen and icicles hung from the balcony, while the electric lights were shaded with pale green tissue, quite in harmony with the general scheme of decoration.

A very cleverly arranged miniature log cabin occupied one end of the gymnasium. It was aglow with light and, peering through the open door could be seen a cozy fireplace. The front porch of the cabin was occupied by Schram's orchestra. This feature entered into the decorations and was greatly admired. And there were spotlights and moonlight and varied lighting effects throughout the evening, adding greatly to the pleasantness of the party.

For a brief period before the passing out and in of the old and new years a program was presented that was very much in keeping with the season.

Winter was portrayed by four young girls dressed all in white—suits and hats of snow-white cotton batting. The act was called "Winter Time." They danced in the midst of a snow storm scene. This act was arranged by Mrs. Mason and those taking part were Jane Keyport, Joyce Smith, Betty Walsh, Elaine Reagan, and the "Harmony Trio," comprised of Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Mr. E. H. Webb and Mr. Harry Thomas, sang their way into the hearts of the large audience.

"Now and Then" was the next feature, and was presented by Misses Marie Smith and Gertrude Loskos. Miss Loskos represented "Now," sang popular numbers in a way that pleased immensely, while Miss Schmidt, in a sweet voice, sang the old songs of "Then," which won great favor with those who love the old-fashioned melodies. This act was directed by Mr. Harry Thomas.

Miss Anita Thomas portrayed 1927 by bursting from a large snowball and was very pleasing in a dance, while "Father Time" made his exit from the scene. Special lighting was had in each of the acts and worked cleverly in the program.

Shortly after the midnight hour, toasted and cold sandwiches, cakes and coffee were served.

It was a very delightful party and besides the home people there were a number of out-of-town guests, among whom were the following: From Gaylord: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Reame, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Haight, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lunden, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burkett; Misses Leone Gocha, June Berry, Ruth Campbell, Bernice Cook, Luella Campbell, Maxine Gidder; Alex Kowaleski, Leo Rolinski, William Berry, Edwin Cook, Hazen Leonard, Leland Shipp.

From Roscommon: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Barber, Dr. E. Matheson and daughter, Miss Faye, Misses Mae and Carla Richardson, Eva Price, Fenne Silsby, Helen and Evelyn Preston; James Price, James Curmulla, Abe Mead, Carl Gardner, Kenneth Kiely. From Marquette: Mr. and Mrs. Ray City, Miss Ann Fisher, Cheboygan: Miss Eva Smith, River Rouge: John Phelps, Ortonville: Lowell Hudson, Merrill: James McKervey, Cheboygan: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson, Flat Rock: Besides, a number of the young set were home from school and their employment for over the holidays and were in attendance.

Do You Know?

DO YOU KNOW A NEW WAY TO LEARN ONE THING WHILE LEARNING ANOTHER?

(Copyright, 1927, Frank Collier.) A set of seven questions will appear herein each week, pertaining to common things—how they work, what they are made of, story of the stars, the earth, life, electricity, radio, history, geography, economics, law, health, manners, customs; man, animals, birds, plant life; miscellaneous.

Correct Answers Given Next Week See how many you can answer by that time. They will embrace the fundamentals of a liberal education. Get a scrap book and keep for future reference.

(We invite constructive suggestions or criticisms.) 1. Of what is air composed? 2. How high does the air extend? 3. How far above sea level can life exist? 4. How do we hear? 5. What is audio frequency? 6. What is radio frequency? 7. How does the pitcher curve the baseball?

GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB NOTES

The first meeting following the holiday vacation for the Good Fellowship club was held at the home of Mrs. Emil Kraus, with the president, Mrs. Sigwald Hanson in the chair. The report of the community tree committee was most satisfactory. The club voted to instruct the secretary to write a note of thanks to those who gave special assistance in making the affair a success. The charity committee reported having sent out twelve baskets of Christmas cheer. Miss Salling read an interesting paper on "Art and Architecture from 1825 to 1850. Meeting adjourned.

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, January 9, 1902

Mrs. J. K. Hanson was visiting her sister, Mrs. Lewis Jensen, last week. J. J. Niederer commenced cutting ice Tuesday, clear as crystal and 12 inches thick.

E. N. Salling was in town the first of the week, looking over business and visiting friends.

Mrs. T. Crotteau has appointed Thos. Carney, who has removed from the county.

J. A. Breakay came up from the farm yesterday and took home a big load of bran. He believes the cows pay for liberal feed.

Mrs. T. Crotteau has been visiting the old home and friends in Grand Rapids for the holidays, and poor Tom is desolate.

Fritz Grouleff returned from a trip to Anderson and Muncie, Ind., last week, and says that N. P. Salling is enjoying the best of health.

C. W. Wright has been on the sick list for the past three weeks, and quite seriously indisposed. We hope to see him out again soon.

Marriage is not a failure in Crawford county. During the past year there has been twenty-eight marriages and only two decrees for divorce.

Alta W. F. Benkleman is expected home this evening from Sault, Ontario, her old home, and we are pleased to learn in the enjoyment of good health.

The supervisors have been in session this week, and wrestling with the problem of furniture for the new county buildings, which are nearly completed.

Mrs. Thomas Judge was in town Tuesday. She is ready to start for their new home in Idaho, as soon as the children have recovered from a severe cold which they have contracted.

Born—New Year's morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schreiber, Jr., of South Branch, an eight pound daughter. Hugo is happy and Grandpa Funk weighs nearly a ton.

Robert Wilcox of Linwood, a former resident here, came up the first of the week, reporting a prosperous year, and the family in excellent health, but would like to come back to the best town on earth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coventry were pleased with the presence of their eldest son, from Oakland county, during the holidays. Miss Etta Coventry accompanied him home for a little visit with old friends before taking her place in the school.

Mr. Baumgartner went to Detroit the first of the week to consult his physician. He will leave with his family in a few days for New Mexico or Arizona, where it is hoped he will entirely recover. His brother will take charge of the store and occupy their cozy home during their absence.

H. C. Ward has purchased 35,000 apple trees from a nursery in Kalama for an addition to his mammoth orchard in Maple Forest. He believes in expansion, if the state authorities do claim that this entire

section of the state is absolutely worthless.

John F. Hum started for "Kingdom Come," Monday afternoon, but his coat gave way and he came back with a terribly strained arm, and some serious bruises. He was putting a belt on a pulley in the mill where he is foreman, and got caught and carried around the shaft.

Mr. and Mrs. Haley of Lovells gave a farewell reception at their home Thursday, January 2nd, in honor of the departure of their friend, Mrs. Thos. Judge, who is about to leave for Idaho. Her friends presented her with a token of their regard in the shape of a beautiful Bible, which was received with pleasure.

A convindrum has been sprung on scores of our unsuspecting citizens, during the past week, that was believed to be unanswerable. It is "whether the figure on top of cupola of the new court house was made to represent a sick hen or a dilapidated crow." Having seen the specifications, we assert that it is the Great American Eagle, standing on the globe and holding the scales of Justice in its beak. The design is all right, but it is so small for the elevation, that it represents nothing. We move that it be removed and a flagstaff be placed in its stead as originally planned. It would be a better finish.

Died, at his home in this village, Tuesday, January 7th, Alfred H. Wisner, aged sixty years, of heart failure. The deceased was one of the pioneers of this county, having located on a homestead in the southern part of this township in 1880, where he resided until about eight years ago when he came here to live. He was born in Newfane, Niagara Co., N. Y., Sept. 17, 1841, and was married to Miss Jane Porter, March 19th, 1863.

South Branch Items George Royce and his sister Sylvia attended the Christmas tree festivities at Sigsbee.

Miss Olive Royce came home to spend the holidays. Miss Rosa Schreiber accompanied her.

I. H. Richardson had a family reunion Christmas. The children presented their mother with a morri-chair.

Miss Redhead ate her Christmas dinner at Joe Royce's.

Chas. I. Richardson and family, F. P. Richardson and wife, and Miss Redhead spent New Year's day at Frank Barbers' in Center Plains.

Willis Shellenbarger has taken a job of making ties for F. P. Richardson and C. J. Richardson is drawing them.

John Corwin and wife spent Christmas with his father in Grayling.

Chas. Corwin and Mrs. Biggs ate their Christmas dinner with their brother John.

Miss Minnie Richardson spent New Year's evening with Nellie Corwin in Grayling.

Miss Olive Royce returned to her school at Sigsbee last Sunday.

The People vs. Lyle McClain, rape.

Jury Civil Case Hattie B. Mosher vs. Stella Archambeau, trespass on the case.

Non-Jury Civil Cases Corporation Supply Co., a corporation doing business under the laws of the state of Illinois vs. Ellis C. Talmadge, attachment.

Charles W. Kuehl vs. Thomas E. Douglas, trespass on the case.

Chancery Cases South Branch unit school district vs. Susan Funk, et al, bill to quiet title.

The American State bank vs. James E. Kellogg, et al, foreclosure.

CIRCUIT COURT NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday afternoon the January term of circuit court will convene at the court house, with Judge Guy E. Smith presiding. Seven cases in all are on the docket for disposal as follows:

Criminal Cases The People vs. Carl Thurston, violation of the prohibition law.

Boys and Girls Get Into the Contest! You may be the one to win the FREE!

Sport Model Automobile Coaster Wagon or Kiddie Car

Enter your name some time before Jan. 10th.

No child who may be a relative of the proprietor of the bakery or of any of the employees of this institution shall be eligible to enter the contest. All others are welcome.

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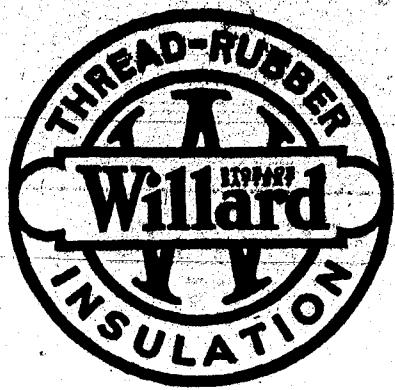
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LOCAL NEWS

R. E. Goslow ate New Year's dinner in Mt. Pleasant, as a guest of friends.

Children's jersey fleece lined mitts, heavy weight, 18 cents at Bargain store. Frank Dreese old stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson and Mrs. Harold McNeven were in Gaylord Tuesday on business.

Our January stove sale is now on. Coal and wood stoves. Big bargains. L. J. Kraus Est.

Mrs. Wilhelm Raue of Johannesburg is spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson.

William Anderson, who visited over Christmas with Messrs. Chris Olsen and John Bruun, returned to Bay City last week.

Mrs. Lelah Kidston and daughter Ada and George Granger spent New Year's in Pinconning, returning Monday afternoon.

House Dresses and Bungalow Aprons, percale and ginghams, 59 and 68 cents each, at The Bargain Store. Dreese's old stand.

Take advantage of our big January clearance sale, and stock up on articles that you need. Sale begins Saturday. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Spencer Holst and little son returned to their home in Detroit Friday after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullough.

Storm Windows

Solve the Problem

One of our customers says: "Yes Sir! Folks, I have solved the problem of fuel saving in a simple and inexpensive manner. I have my home fully equipped with storm doors and windows, and you'd be surprised the way they hold in the heat and keep out the cold."

Get Our Prices for Equipping Your Home

T. W. HANSON

Wholesale LUMBER Retail

Fish—Will have a supply all winter. C. R. King.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yull of Vanderbilt spent the week end visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Signa Rasmussen has returned to her work at Sorenson Bros. after a week's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Landsberg and daughter Lillian visited over New Year's in Detroit and Inkster.

Prosecuting Attorney Nellist and family made a trip by auto Sunday to Mt. Pleasant and returned the same day.

Mrs. Hans Niederer and two children returned Thursday afternoon from a week's visit in Bay City with relatives.

Misses Genevieve and Margaret Montour returned Monday from Bay City, where they spent New Year's visiting friends.

Miss Marjorie Woods of Bay City was a guest of Miss Fern Armstrong Friday and Saturday, coming to attend the Charity Ball.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wheeler, Sunday, January 2nd, the first baby born in the new year in Grayling.

Miss Lillian Mortenson of Flint spent New Year's day and Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. Carrie Mortenson of Beaver Creek.

Miss Edna Taylor returned Sunday night to Detroit after spending the week end visiting her father, Oscar Taylor and brother Charles.

See the Grayling Independents in their first game of the season Friday night, Jan. 7th, at the school gymnasium. They will play Indian River.

Mrs. Willard Campbell left Friday for her home in Mt. Pleasant, after spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

Russell Robertson returned Sunday night to M. S. C., at Lansing after spending the past two weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robertson.

Miss Ruby Stephan left Sunday night for Toledo to resume her studies at a business college there, after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

John Phelps who spent a couple days visiting Herman Hanson, came to attend the Christmas Ball, returned to his home in Ortonville Saturday afternoon.

Miss Marie Schmidt accompanied her brother Frank on his return to Detroit Sunday night to spend a few days. The latter had spent the holidays in Grayling.

Claude Bissonette returned Sunday night to Saginaw where he attends St. Vincent's school, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Hattie Bissonette.

After spending three weeks at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Sorenson, Miss Elsie Erickson returned Thursday afternoon to Grand Rapids.

Mrs. William Green and three children returned Thursday from Detroit where they spent Christmas with Green and the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cook.

Mrs. Herliuf Sorenson and daughter Elma Mae returned Friday from several weeks spent in Cadillac having been called there by the illness of Mrs. Sorenson's mother.

Read our ad. on another page of this paper and note the many bargains in ready-to-wear and dry goods to go during our January clearance sale.

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion will meet at the Legion hall on Friday evening, January 14th. All members or those wishing to join, please be present.

Miss Rae Joseph and brother Samuel Joseph of Detroit have been spending the holidays visiting their brother, A. J. Joseph, and family, Samuel returning Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Torkild Boeson entertained the Danish Ladies Aid at her home last Thursday afternoon. Instead of the regular business meeting the ladies enjoyed a Christmas program.

Miss Vella Hermann returned to her studies at Michigan State Normal in Ypsilanti Sunday night after spending two weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Hermann and family.

In reporting the accident of little Jack Hill last week we were in error when we said it was the George Corwin truck that struck him. Instead it was the truck driven by Vern Smith.

From indications the American Legion masked ball this year is going to be a very fine affair. Plan your costume now so as to be ready for the biggest party of the season. The date is Feb. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chappell and son Roy returned Sunday night to their home in Caro after spending Christmas with relatives here. Roy was carrying his arm in a sling as the result of an auto accident.

The Danish Sunday school held their Christmas tree at Danebood hall Monday evening of last week. After a short program, gifts and candy were distributed and a delicious lunch was served in the dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. David White left Monday to spend a couple of weeks visiting in Detroit and Flint with the latter's sons and daughters. Isaac and Leo Gendron, who had been visiting at the White home, returned to Flint the same day.

Tuesday afternoon a cross dog, owned by Paul Lovelly, bit Clinton McNeven on the arm near the shoulder, cutting a small gash. Clinton has been carrying a Bay City daily to the house for several months. The dog was taken care of later by Sheriff Bobbenmeyer.

On account of the illness of little Buster Jorgenson at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. John Stephan, his mother, Mrs. Helen Jorgenson was called home Tuesday. She had been visiting friends in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. William Hanson and cousin Walter Hanson, Buster was improved at last report.

C. J. McNamara was unable to be in his place at the Mac & Gidley drug store the fore part of the week, being confined to his home by illness. Fred Alexander has been assisting at the store during this time. Also, it has been necessary for James McNeven to take a vacation for a few days from his duties at the Salling Hanson Co. hardware, by reason of illness.



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Miss Mabel Shipley visited friends in Gaylord over New Year's.

School was resumed this morning following the two weeks holiday vacation with teachers and pupils back in their places.

Miss Beulah Collen returned Saturday afternoon to Detroit after having spent the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Collen.

Mrs. Jesse Sales returned Friday afternoon to her home in Detroit after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson.

John Brewster left Sunday night for his home in Owosso after spending a couple days visiting friends, having come to play with Schram's Ramblers for the Charity Ball.

Misses Erma and Edith Sojholm of Lewiston are guests this week of their former schoolmate and friend, Mrs. George Dekette. Miss Erma is a graduate of Grayling high school.

John Baird hated to lose his job as director of the state department of Conservation, but he was big enough to invite his successor to come into the department until the legislature could approve his appointment where he (Baird) would assist him in getting started in the work by giving him all the information and pointers he could. That proves that he has more interest in the welfare of the state than just to draw his pay.

County Clerk Charles Gierke had a narrow escape last week Friday while coasting on Barker hill when the toboggan, upon which he was riding, jumped the track and he went sailing through a jungle of underbrush and tree branches until he was stopped by a pine tree into which the toboggan crashed. He slightly sprained one wrist and bruised the other, and is otherwise considerably bruised up. It would show retrogression if the injuries were nicely.

At the supervisors' meeting this week the question of retaining a county agent came up on Wednesday afternoon. Considerable interest was shown and several organizations and business places had their representatives there. The general feeling prevalent seemed to be that should Crawford county discontinue with a county agent it would show retrogression, decidedly instead of progression. It will be gratifying to a large majority if the appropriation retaining that office is made.

It was a jolly crowd clad in many coats, caps and mittens that started for the reservation hill from the Michelson Memorial church after choir rehearsal Wednesday evening.

The load, and it was a tie whether the ride to the lake on a toboggan or the ride down the hill after reaching it, was the most enjoyed. Upon the return to town, the young folks went to the church kitchen where steaming, hot cocoa and sandwiches awaited for the evening. Several parties are being planned by the choir members for the winter months.

Complimentary to the members and their wives, Grayling American Legion Post 106 gave a chicken dinner at their hall Monday evening. Thirty-seven sat down to the delicious spread that had been prepared by Mrs. Joseph McLeod and served by some of the members. Cards were enjoyed after dinner, prizes being awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jorgenson, Mrs. Carl Nelson and Mrs. L. J. Martin.

The guests also enjoyed listening to a number of selections broadcasted over a Kolster radio, installed temporarily for the evening, through the courtesy of Frank Tetu. In all it was a most enjoyable affair.

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O. S. Hawes of Detroit was in town on business Tuesday.

Frank Decker is ill at his home with an attack of appendicitis.

Wilhelm Raue of Johannesburg was in the city on business Wednesday.

Thomas Cassidy made a business trip to Gaylord Wednesday morning.

Men's wool khaki army shirts, 1.98, at Dreese's old store, now the Bargain store.

Earle Hewitt, who has been ill at his home with a bad cold is able to be out again.

Phil VanPatten of Flint spent a few days here visiting his brother George and old friends.

The district basketball tournament is scheduled to meet in Grayling March 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown have returned from Detroit where they spent New Year's with friends.

Miss Janice Bailey returned Wednesday after spending the holiday vacation in Gaylord.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin and son Edward spent New Year's with relatives in St. Ignace, returning Monday.

See the new "Do You Know?" column this week in the Avalanche and mention it to your friends and neighbors.

Harry Connine and daughter Mary Gretchen visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Connine over New Year's.

Miss Eva Smith returned Sunday night to River Rouge after spending the holidays as a guest of her brother B. E. Smith and family.

Dresses for the school girls, serge, \$8 to 14 years, new goods just in. Price \$1.69. Dreese's old stand, now The Bargain Store.

James McKervy of Cheboygan was a guest of Miss Hazel Cassidy over New Year's. Mr. McKervy is a teacher in the Cheboygan schools.

Esbern Olson motored to Saginaw Friday to accompany his family home who had been spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas.

Rev. and Mrs. Kjolhede are entertaining the members of the Danish church choir and several young people at their home this evening at a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herbison entertained several guests at a watch party New Year's eve. The evening was spent socially and the hostess served a delicious lunch.

George Schaible motored to Ann Arbor last week and returned yesterday noon accompanied by Mrs. Schaible and their baby son, and Mrs. Menno Corwin. Mrs. Schaible had been at the University hospital at Ann Arbor for several weeks, and stood the motor trip home, well.

Mr. and Mrs. Torkild Boeson entertained the Danish young people and a number of older people at their home Tuesday evening at a Christmas party. Rev. Kjolhede read a story, and Christmas songs were sung, after which the hostess served a delicious lunch. The remainder of the evening was spent socially.

We wish to call your attention to a new and valuable feature we are adding to our paper—the "Do You Know?" column. These questions and answers will be expressed in a clear, concise, compact and helpful manner, that will both entertain and instruct, will embrace the fundamentals of a liberal education. Read them each week in the Avalanche.

Charles Gierke assumed his duties as county clerk Tuesday. The first big job before him was to record the minutes of the board of supervisors. On top of that the usual number of office matters came up for attention, and next week will be circuit court week. With everything strange to him, he was certainly some busy, but is getting away with the work fine.

All ladies eligible for membership in the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion are urged to attend the meeting Friday evening, January 13th at hall. Already a number of members have been secured, but there are still others who probably wish to join. Mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of members of the American Legion are eligible for membership.

Mrs. Bessie Brown, who had been spending the holidays in Lapeer, a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trudo, returned home Monday afternoon. Sunday, Miss Brown, accompanied by Henry Trudo, started for Grayling by auto, but met with an accident between Bay City and Saginaw. Luckily neither were injured, although the Trudo car was badly damaged.

LOVELLS NEWS

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon is away visiting.

Clifton Anstey motored from Ash-ley to spend New Year's with Miss Cora Newpew.

John Heric was in Lovells last week.

George Burpee has moved his family a couple miles from Lovells.

Francis Nephew and Vernon Henry drove to Mio Sunday.

Harry Hunt of Red Oak was a caller here Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. Miller has been ill at her home.

Mike McCormick's children have been ill the last few days.

The Pedro club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon. First prizes were won by Mrs. J. Shoff and Charles Papen-fus and consolation prizes by Bill Hulbert and Jack Caid.

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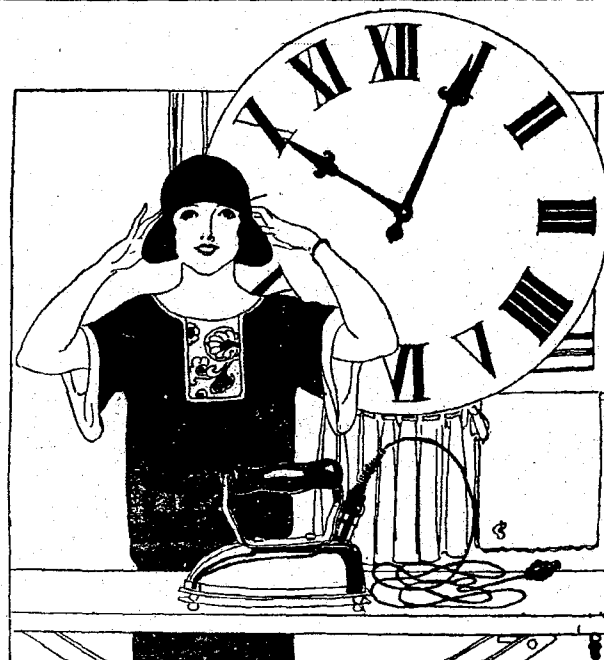
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FREDERIC NEWS

School started Jan. 3 after a holiday vacation. All teachers on hand.

Mrs. Eli Forbush is on the sick list at the home of Mrs. C. Forbush.

Miss Ethel Parsons is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Espa Barber in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholl were guests at the home of their niece, Mrs. C. S. Barber, at supper New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Howse of Gaylord spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodburn in Maple Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Corsaut spent the week end visiting relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Preston returned to their home in Flint after spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Craven.

Mr. Allen Lancaster of Flint was the guest of Miss Esther Barber over Christmas.

Mr. Elmer Fenton of Grayling was the guest of Miss Evelina Barber at Christmas dinner. On Monday they left for Mt. Pleasant to visit Mr. Fenton's mother, returning Sunday morning.

Mr. Robert Leng passed away at the home of Mr. Albert Lewis Monday, January 3, after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Burkhardt and family of Traverse City were in town Saturday shaking hands with old friends.

Miss Esther Barber returned Sunday from a few days' vacation at Grayling, visiting at the home of her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Barber.

Max Tobin has returned to Mt. Pleasant where he is attending normal school after a holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Tobin.

The Ladies Aid met at the school house Wednesday afternoon with an unusually large attendance. A fine supper was served and enjoyed by all. We are glad to see Mrs. Rowe improving. She is now able to have her arm out of the sling.

NEW BURTON HOTEL

Dining room now open. Regular meals served from 11:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.; evenings, from 5:30 to 7:00. Short order lunches at all hours—day and night service. Regular boarders solicited. Give us a trial. 12-23-2 O. B. Scott, proprietor.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS—Furnished, modern. Mrs. George Miller, phone 832.

LOST—TWO HOUND PUPS, Friday, Dec. 31, down the AuSable, one black and tan; one black and white, females. Liberal reward offered for their return. Dave Knecht, phone 65 on 65. 1-6-2

FOR SALE—A FEW BUSHELS OF Greening apples at 50 cents per pk., or \$1.75 per bu. Mrs. John Murphy.

LOST—BACK BUMPER FOR Auto, between Grayling and Feldhauser schoolhouse. Finder please notify T. E. Douglas, Grayling.

APARTMENT FOR RENT—Stream heated, bath and modern. Inquire of Mrs. Daisy Kraus at hardware store. Phone 1222.

RELIABLE YOUNG MAN WISHES Work—Odd jobs or any other work. Leave word at William Brado's, Chestnut St., one block east of hospital.

BUICK COUPE FOR SALE—GOOD buy. Inquire at Avalanche office.

GOOSE OIL WANTED—HIGHEST market price paid. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

FOR SALE—NEARLY NEW 5c Slot machine. A bargain. Inquire at Avalanche office.

A BLACK AND WHITE HOUND pup strayed from hunting party, Dec. 12, 3 1/4 miles north of Grayling near M-14. Finder please notify C. A. Adams. Reward offered.

STRAYED—TWO HORSES TO THE Hanson State Military Reservation. Owner may have same on proof of ownership and payment of costs. 12-9-6 LEROY PEARSON, Quartermaster General.

WANTED—CLEAN COTTON Rags. Avalanche Office.

Don't miss the basket ball game tomorrow night to be played between Grayling Independents and Indian River, at school gymnasium. First game of the season.

LYDIA of the Pines

by
Honore
Willsie

CHAPTER XVIII

Cap and Gown

The fifteen dollars, after all, were disposed of in a highly satisfactory manner. They paid for Lydia's cap and gown. Perhaps there were other members of the class to whom their senior insignia meant as much as they did to Lydia, but that is to be doubted. In any case, Lydia's conscience smote her. She knew that her father was worrying over her attitude on her inheritance, but she continued to avoid the issue with him while the estate was being settled. Lydia was doing heavy work in college. She actually had entered all the classes in laydown position, while carrying her other college work. And she enjoyed the new work amazingly.

Early in December, the settlement of the Levine estate was completed. John's method of "shoe-stringing" his property was disastrous as far as the size of Lydia's heritage went. As nearly as she could understand, one portion of the estate was used to pay up the indebtedness of another portion, and all that was left was the cottage with a mortgage on it, and three hundred and twenty acres of land on the reservation.

"Oh, daddy!" cried Lydia, "we can't take it! Don't you see we can't?"

"I can't understand why you act so like a fool," began Amos, querulously. "And I can't see why you set your judgment up as better than mine. I swan—even your mother never did that, except on borrowing money. We won't keep the land. We'll sell it and have the money to clear up the mortgage on the cottage. I took a turn up and down the room. 'I can't see what's happened to children now days. In my day we obeyed. Lydia, I'm not going to discuss this any longer. You've got to take that land.' Lydia sat with her thin hands clasped before her on the table, her clear eyes fastened on her father's face.

Amos looked down at his daughter grimly. "Can't you see what a fool you are?" he shouted. "The land can never go back to the Indians. John took good care of that. If you don't take it, somebody else will. Can't you see?"

"I'll do anything you want but this, dad," she said.

"But this is all I want. It's what I've wanted for years, this little bit of land. And you haven't any idea what that feeling is."

Like a flash Lydia saw again long aisles of pines, smelled again the odor of the needles, heard again the murmuring call of the wind.

"Good, God!" cried Amos, tossing his pipe on the table. "Poverty's hounded me all my life—poverty and death. The only two people who cared about me, Patience and Levine's gone. Yet here's the chance for me to be independent. Here's the chance for me to make up for the failure I've made of life. A man with a little piece of property like this and a little bank account is somebody in the community. What do I care how I get it, as long as I can hold it? What's a lot of dirty Indians to stand between me and my future? But what do you care?"

"O daddy! O daddy! How can you talk so to me!" groaned Lydia. She put her hands over her eyes for a moment, swallowed a sob and then started for the outer door. She caught her coat from the nail and closed the door behind her.

An irresistible impulse had carried her from the house. She wanted to see her father. It was still early and a lantern flickered in the Norton barnyard. She ran across to the shed door. Billy was whistling to himself as he began to bed down the cattle for the night. Lydia looked at him eagerly in the dim light. How big and strong he was!

"Billy!" she said, softly.

The young man dropped his pitchfork and came toward her. "What's the matter, Lydia?" he exclaimed.

"Dad and I've been having an awful quarrel."

"About the land?" asked Billy quickly.

Lydia nodded. "Oh, I don't know what to do!" And then, not having meant to do so at all, she suddenly began to cry.

"Why can't they let you alone, d—n 'em!" exclaimed Billy, furiously. "Come away from that cold doorway, dad!" And he led her into the warm stable and over to a harness box. "There," pulling her down beside him on the box, and putting his arm about her, "don't cry, Lydia. I can't stand it. I'm liable to go over and say things to your father and Kent. I'll tell 'em both, some time, what I think of their bullying you this way."

A vague, warm, sense of comfort and protection was stilling Lydia's trembling. She rose and looked up into his face gratefully. "Don't see why you're so kind to me," she said.

"Do you want me to tell you?" began the young man eagerly.

"No! No!" Lydia began to move away toward the door. "Don't come near me with me. Billy! I'll run away from you."

"Billy's face in the lantern light was terrible. 'I'll obey tonight, Lydia,' but the time's coming, when I'll be had dropped."

With the warm of comfort and pro-

tection sustaining her, Lydia went homeward under the winter stars. Kent's automobile was standing before the gate and Lydia's heart sank. It was the first time in her life she ever had been sorry at the thought of seeing Kent.

He was sitting before the base burner with her father and jumped up to help her take her coat off. He greeted her soberly.

"Your father's been telling me about your discussion, Lydia," he said. "You can't mean to stick by your decision!"

Lydia sat down wearily. "Oh, Kent, don't you begin at me, too."

"Now look here, Lydia," began Kent, "let's begin at the beginning and sift this thing out," and once more he began his arguments on the Indian question.

"Don't you see?" he ended finally. "I see how you feel, yes," replied Lydia. "But just because you can list what you call average American business deals that are crooked, you aren't justified in being crooked, are you?"

Kent threw out his hand helplessly, and for a moment there was silence in the room, then he said, "Well, after all, there's nothing so selfish as your Puritanism. Of course, every one but yourselves is wrong. And, of course, it doesn't occur to you that it might be a decent thing of you to sacrifice your own scruples to do a thing that would mean so much to your father."

Lydia looked at Kent quickly. This was a new angle. He would have followed this opening at once had not Amos spoken for the first time.

"Hold up, Kent," he said in a tired voice. "Don't heckle her any more. After all, I'm getting on toward fifty



Billy's Face in the Lantern Light Was Inscrutable.

and I guess it's too late for me to begin over, anyhow. I'll plod along as I always have."

"Oh, daddy!" cried Lydia, "don't talk that way! You aren't a bit old. You make me feel like a beast, between you."

"Well, we don't mean to," Amos went on, "but I guess we have been pretty hard on you."

Amos' weariness and gentleness moved Lydia as no threats could. Was she selfish? Was she putting her own desire for an easy conscience ahead of her father's happiness? Amos went into the kitchen for a drink and Kent followed her to the window and took both his hands.

"Lydia," he said, "I'm awful sorry to press you so, but you're being unfair and foolish, honestly you are. You used to let me look out for you in the old days—the old days when I used to pull little Patience's carriage with my bicycle—why can't you trust me now? Come, dearest—and next year we'll be married and live happy ever after."

"Kent!" she cried with the breathlessness of a new idea. "If I should give in and agree to take the land, would you go up there with me and turn it into a farm?"

Kent smiled at her plying. "Why, Lydia, there's nothing in that. Why should we try to farm it? The money is in speculating with it. I could clear up a mint of money for you in a couple of years, if you'll give me the handling of it."

But Lydia's eyes were shining now. "Oh, but listen! You don't understand. Mr. Levine drove the Indians out, by fraud and murder. Yes, he did, Kent. And yet, he had big dreams about it. He must have had. He was that kind of a man. And if we should go up there and turn those acres into a great farm, and—make it stand for something big and right—perhaps that would make up for everything!"

"Lydia," said Kent, "be sensible. Give, easy money on one side, and a lifetime of work and pain on the other. Yet you act as if there was a choice."

"You can't say you understand how I feel?" pleaded Lydia. "Have you got a blind spot in your mind where money is concerned? Are all the men in America money crazy like the men in Lake City?"

"Sure," replied Kent cheerfully. "Oh, Lydia, honey, don't be so hard! Look at your poor old dad! Think what it would mean to him. Don't be so doggone sanctimonious!"

Instead of looking at her father, Lydia looked at Kent, long and wistfully. How dear he was to her! What an inalienable part of her life he was! What was the use of always struggling against her heart. Kent smiled gently at her. Her lips trembled and she hurried to look at Amos. Suddenly Lydia realized how gray and haggard he looked, how bent his shoulders were with work, and then she swept over her anew an understanding of his utter loneliness since her mother's and Levine's deaths.

With a little inarticulate murmur, she ran across the room and threw her arms about his neck. "Oh, dad, don't cry. I'll do it! I'll agree to it! If only you'll promise me to be happy!"

Amos dropped his pipe. "Lydia! You don't mean it! Why, my little girl! Lord, Kent! I'm not sure just all

right! Make me happy! Why, Lydia, you've made a young man of me—I swan!"

Kent was holding one hand now. Amos, the other. Both looked at Lydia with radiant faces. And she could but feel an answering glow.

"Well, make this up to you, Lydia, old lady," cried Kent. "See if we don't."

There was a little pause during which the ice boomed. Then,

"Well, what happens, next, now you've settled me?" asked Lydia.

"Something to eat," exclaimed Amos. "I didn't eat any supper. I swan! I haven't eaten for months with any relish. Lydia, make us some chocolate or something!"

That night, after Kent had gone, Lydia stood long at the living-room window which gave on the front gate. The pine, its boughs powdered with snow, kept its lonely vigil over the cottage.

"Yes," whispered Lydia, finally, "your last friend has deserted you, but I guess I'm keeping faith with Kent and dad, anyhow."

Then she went to bed.

For a day or so Lydia avoided Billy Norton. But she was restless and unhappy and found it difficult to keep her mind on her college work. Finally, she timed her return from the dairy school, one afternoon, to coincide with Billy's home-coming from his office and she overtook him just beyond the end of the street-car line.

"Billy!" called Lydia.

He turned and waited for her with a broad smile. "Billy," she said without preliminaries, "I gave in."

"Lydia!" he gasped.

"I couldn't stand their pleading. I hate myself, but dad looks ten years younger!"

"Lydia!" cried Billy again, and there was such a note of pain in his voice that she turned her face to his with the same dogged look in her eyes that had been expressed in her walk.

"Lydia, I can't believe it!"

"It's true," repeated Lydia. "I couldn't stand Kent and dad both. And partly I did it for John Levine's memory. I'm not trying to justify myself, Billy. I know that I'm doing something wrong, but I've definitely made up my mind to sacrifice my own ease of conscience to dad's happiness."

"You can't do it! You aren't built that way," exclaimed Billy.

"But I am doing it," reiterated Lydia.

"Look here," he cried, eagerly, "do you expect to keep my respect and yet go on with this?"

Lydia did not reply for some time. They were nearing the cottage, and she could see the pine, black against the afterglow, when she said:

"Well, I'm not keeping my own self-respect and yet I'm glad I'm making dad and Kent happy."

They paused by the gate. Billy looked down at Lydia with a puzzled frown.

"How about 'Duct Amor Patriae' now, Lydia?" he asked.

"Oh, I don't know," she sighed.

"Good night, Billy."

"Good-bye, Lydia," said the young man heavily and he turned away, leaving her standing at the gate.

Lydia went over and over their conversation that night feverishly before she went to sleep. She tossed and turned and then, long after the old living-room clock had struck midnight, she slipped out of bed and crouched on her knees, her hands clasped across her pillow, her eyes on the quiet stars that glowed through the window.

"O God," she prayed. "O God, if you do exist, help me now! Don't let me lose Billy's respect, for I don't know how I can get along without it. God! God! Make me believe in You, for I must have some One to turn to! You have taken mother and little Patience and John Levine from me! Oh, let me keep Billy! Let me keep him, God, and make me strong enough to keep on accepting that three hundred and twenty acres. Amen."

Shivering, but somehow quieted, she crept into bed and fell asleep.

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Surprising Finds Made in Australian Caves

Astonishing finds have been made in the Wellington (Australia) caves, which include fossil remains which have been identified as those of the marsupial lion, an animal which combined the pouch of the kangaroo with the general characteristics of the African lion. Few specimens of the remains of this marsupial have been found in recent years. It has been described as one of the fiercest and most destructive of predatory beasts known to naturalists. Other new discoveries in these stalagmite caves have been classified as those of the diprotodon, an animal of the kangaroo type, but immensely greater in bulk than a full-grown rhinoceros. The fossils indicate an animal with an enormous head and a thick, strong neck, extremely large, chisel-shaped teeth and well-marked fingers and toes. The foot structure shows that these animals or their immediate ancestors were tree-climbers, the big toe being placed nearly at right angles to the others in order to enable it to obtain a grip as it mounted.

Bishop Has Honor as London's Patron Saint

One of the earliest bishops of London was St. Erkenwald, whose "festival" occurred recently. He was a Londoner born and bred, so it was only natural that shortly after his death, which took place in 693, he should be acclaimed London's patron saint. St. Erkenwald restored the first St. Paul's cathedral, and was buried within its walls. In 1196 London was partly destroyed by a great fire that burned old London bridge and a portion of the cathedral, but stopped at his shrine. Pious folk professed to regard this as a miraculous intervention of the dead saint, and from thence on his tomb became a place of pilgrimage.

Many of them brought rare and costly gifts, so that in course of time Erkenwald's magnificent tomb was ablaze with precious stones.—Chicago Journal.

Speaking of dictators, we'll bet Will Hays and Judge Landis have a lot more fun than Mussolini.

Michigan Happenings

Construction of the new \$250,000 armory and field house at Michigan State college, far from being halted by cold weather and frozen ground, is being rushed with all possible speed, and it seems certain that the new building will be completed by May 13, the date set for its dedication. The new armory will be 280 feet in length, 220 feet of this will be occupied by the riding hall with tankard covering. The hall has a seating capacity of 8,000 and can be used for campus gatherings and farmers' week assemblies.

Commercial cutting of Christmas trees, with the accompanying vandalism and thefts, would be prevented under the terms of a bill which former Senator William Connelly of Spring Lake, has drafted for introduction at the next session of the State Legislature. The bill would require municipalities to furnish trees at a price not exceeding the cost of delivery. Connelly proposes that townships, villages and cities shall be required to cultivate evergreen trees to offset the cutting, which now takes place.

The State Administrative Board held its final meeting under the Groesbeck Administration. The acceptance of a report representing the state-owned cement plant at Chelsea was in sound financial condition was one of the important items of the last session. A member of the State Prison Commission, submitted a statement placing the surplus of the industry at \$973,073. The report stated the plant made an operating profit from Oct. 1, 1924, to Nov. 30, 1926, of \$330,363. Total assets were given as \$1,926,502.

The case against George E. Carr, of Owosso, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, of Michigan, charged with violation of the state anti-masking law, was dismissed in justice court recently. The case was tried several weeks ago and the jury disagreed. Carr admitted marching masked in a Klan parade here October 2, but maintained the parade was historical and that this exempted the participants under the law.

Fr. George Carson, of Marshall, recognized authority on common law and one of the best known priests of the Detroit Diocese, celebrated the forty-seventh anniversary of his ordination recently. He came to Marshall June 1, 1919, from Paw Paw when Fr. James Cahalan, now of the St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, accepted the pastorate of St. Thomas Parish in Ann Arbor.

The Christmas rush was lighter this year than it was last year, according to a report issued by the Detroit Street Railway. In the two weeks immediately preceding Christmas, streets cars, this year, carried 17,847,440 passengers and buses handled 1,495,928. Last year the cars carried 20,186,525 passengers and the buses, with less mileage then the present lines, handled 752,042.

Fire at Deckerville destroyed the double two-story brick block on Main street owned jointly by the Cork Hardware Co. and the Odd Fellows Lodge, and seriously damaged the building, adjoining on the north, occupied by a garage and the Mitchell store with damages estimated at \$75,000. The Sandusky fire department aided in getting the fire under control.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a part of the Federal Commercial and Savings Bank building in the heart of Port Huron's business section. The section of the building destroyed was built years ago. A new section of the structure, largely occupied by the bank, was damaged by smoke and water. The loss is estimated at approximately \$80,000.

Approval of the purchase of the Consolidated Telephone company by the Michigan Bell Telephone company was asked of the state public utilities commission. The Consolidated company has headquarters in Bad Axe and operates in Huron and Sanilac counties. The purchase price was given as \$180,000.

George Dewey, 18 years old, of Wayland, was accidentally shot through the arm when he attempted to crack a nut with a loaded pistol. He said he did not know the gun was loaded.

Russell Simon, 17-year-old high school boy of Port Huron, is the hero of his school mates as the result of having been under fire of two Federal prohibition agents. Just recently Simon drove his automobile along the river here and watched groups of skaters. The Federal agents, who observed him from another automobile, believed he might be attempting to spot loads of liquor coming from Ontario. They sounded their horn as a signal to stop but Simon misinterpreted their signal.

More than 200 miles of fire lines were constructed during the 1926 season by fire wardens around game reserves and state forests. These lines, from 30 to 80 feet wide, cost from \$50 to \$200 a mile to construct, depending on the difficulties encountered.

The addition of 8,000 acres of delinquent state tax lands to the Oshtemo State Forest makes this one of the largest forest reserves in the state.

A Booth Fishing Co. employee, George Graham, set out from Michigamoo Island in Lake Superior with his husky dog, Prince, in a canoe. When 500 yards out he found that his paddle had slipped overboard and that a stiff wind was sending him out into the biggest inland lake in the States. He was unable to swim and saved himself only by throwing his dog into the water after tying the end of the canoe painter to the dog's collar. The dog made for shore, dragging the canoe and his master. After a half hour struggle, they made it.

Oscar Lebout, of Menominee, shot a fine big buck. Congratulating himself he tied his license to the buck's horn securing it well, for he expected to drag the deer out and it might catch in the brush and tear out. After fastening the license tag to the animal he examined the "carcass" to see where the fatal bullet had struck. At this juncture Lebout was astonished to see the deer start to its feet with a short of fear and dash for the woods. He was so startled he did not raise his gun, and the buck got safely away.

A pet Angora cat prevented a man from attacking Mrs. Fred C. Philo of Jackson, in her home. The man obtained entrance to her home by passing as a water meter reader. After Mrs. Philo had closed the door the man grabbed her and threw her to the floor, warning her not to scream lest he would choke her to death. At that time, Mrs. Philo said, the cat jumped from a table, landing on the man's shoulders, and sunk its claws into his neck, causing the man to cease his attack and make a hasty exit.

The mystery that surrounded the disappearance of a string of pearls valued at more than \$1,000, which vanished from a Jackson jewelry store was cleared, when a young woman appeared at the establishment with a request that a new cord be placed on her string of "beads." When a bill for \$20 covering the work was presented the girl, she told the proprietor that she had paid but \$15 for the necklace a few days before. A clerk had sold her the valuable necklace believing the pearls were imitations.

The "stress and strain" of football cited by critics of the great intercollegiate game is not so serious after all, if figures compiled at the University of Michigan are reliable. The loss of sleep and weight throughout the "prolonged mental strain" of a football campaign seems to be a myth. Only one man of the 40 odd players composing the Michigan gridiron squad suffered any weight losses last season. Figures were compiled daily and are known to be accurate, almost to the ounce.

The State Highway Department is considering traffic counts on certain highways during the winter as well as the summer, to decide whether there is sufficient traffic to pay for keeping the trunk line highways open and clear of snow. There is some question whether there will be sufficient traffic on some of the trunk lines, especially in the upper peninsula, to pay to keep the highways open in the winter. The average cost of keeping the highways open is \$45 a mile.

Returns to questionnaires circulated by the Grand Rapids Credit Men's Association indicate manufacturing and jobbing concerns in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Grand Haven, Traverse City and Cadillac have had a successful year, sales and collections comparing favorably with 1925. Conditions in the potato producing areas around Traverse City and Cadillac were pronounced the best in years by firms dealing in products used by farmers.

A marriage license issued September 3, 1925, to Fred L. Johnson, 38 years old, railroad fireman, and Marian Hazen, 22, waitress, was not used until last Christmas day, according to returns to County Clerk Edith F. Wagner of Kent county. They were married at Farwell, Clare county.

Fourteen Grand Rapids banks were found on the list of Henry J. Fernekes, 28 years old, the "midnight bandit" sentenced in Chicago to hang for murder, according to advice received by Superintendent of Police Carroll. The list, with a supply of explosives, was hidden under the floor of Fernekes' room.

Benny Friedman, captain of Michigan's foot ball team, has revealed that he lost nine pounds the afternoon he played Minnesota at Minneapolis, the last game of the year. He jumped on the scale before the game and weighed himself after his shower.



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Wood Takes Over Duties of P. I. Control Board

Manila, P. I.—Gov. Gen. Leonard Wood issued an executive order announcing that hereafter the duties and powers heretofore exercised by the board of control will be exercised only by the governor general. The board of control is comprised of the governor general, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of the insular legislature.

Princeton and Harvard Quit

New York.—Princeton has severed athletic relations with Harvard. The board of athletic control at Princeton voted unanimously against holding further athletic competition with the Cambridge institution.

22 Bid on Armored Cabs

Washington.—Twenty-two bids were received for supplying 100 armored cabs and 100 armored bodies for mail trucks of the Post Office department to protect postal matter from bandit raids.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The probate court for the county of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 20th day of December A. D. 1926.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Hans Anderson, deceased.

William Jensen having filed in said court his petition praying that said court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of his death the legal heirs of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate of which said deceased died seized.

It is ordered, that the seventeenth day of January A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON,
Judge of Probate.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the payments of a certain mortgage executed by Walter Jorgenson, a single man, to Andrew Hart, Administrator of the estate of George Mahon, dated September 20, 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, September 20, 1922 in liber I of mortgages on page 408. On which mortgage there is now due for principal, interest and taxes the sum of \$440.10 and attorney fees, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law nor in equity to recover the debt now due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises hereinafter described by reason of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, which sale will be at public auction at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan (that being the place where the Circuit Court for said county is held) on the 22nd day of January, 1927, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, which premises described in said mortgage are as follows: Lot Four of Block Sixteen, of Roffee's addition to the village of Grayling, in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated October 26, 1926.
ANDREW HART,
Administrator of the estate of George Mahon, deceased.
MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Mortgage. 10-28-13

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Judge of Probate

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Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



"There grow in Nature's garden the plants with which the farmer can restore his sick, worn-out soils."—Wm. C. Smith, Indiana, author of the book, "How to Grow 100 Bushels of Corn on Worn Soil."

Letter from a Neighbor

As is known to many, the soil on the George Annis farm in Beaver Creek township produces extra good crops, although the farm has been used a good many years. In the same school district are lands that were originally as good as the Annis farm, but which are now in a pitiful condition on account of the way they have been handled.

Mr. Annis has always been a good hand to feed his soil, by plowing stuff under, and by not over-cropping it.

Some know that he plowed down last fall, a fine growth of sweet clover that would have made beautiful hay. Some would have begrudged this to the soil; but, the writer feels sure that crops yet to grow where the sweet clover was plowed down will amply repay the sacrifice of the hay.

One year will not tell all the story. Believing that it would prove of interest to many farmers, we have asked Mr. Annis to write a letter about this sweet clover. Here is the letter:

Grayling, Mich., Jan. 1, 1927.
R. D. Bailey, County Agent,
Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Bailey:
Pursuant to your request for a few words about the sweet clover that I plowed under this fall, I will start the New Year right by writing you about it, hoping that some of my brother farmers in Crawford county will do as I did, for I feel sure that sweet clover is a good thing.

In the spring of 1925 I sowed 10 pounds of scarified, re-cleaned, white blossom sweet clover seed per acre with oats. There were 10 acres in the field. I inoculated the sweet clover seed with inoculation secured through the county agent from the agricultural college at a cost of 25 cents. A bottle of this inoculation a bushel of seed and should be used on alfalfa, clover, sweet clover or vetch.

Early in 1926 I cut a heavy crop of sweet clover hay from this field, cutting it about 8 inches high, as cutting lower cuts below the growing bud and prevents a second crop. When the second growth was in blossom and about 30 inches high, I plowed it under. My object in plowing it under was to fertilize the soil by the rotting of the mass of tops and the big roots system.

I believe that more of us farmers should plow under more green legumes to enrich the ground and to help hold moisture, as I understand that the more rotting vegetation there is in the soil the better it holds moisture. Few of us have enough stable manure, so should plow under green manure to help keep up fertility. I am, and have long been, a believer in plowing lots of stuff into the soil. The good condition of my soil and crops shows that I am right in this. This year I sowed 5 acres more of sweet clover with buckwheat for the same purpose.

I cut the hay crop with a binder. I think that this is the best way to make sweet clover hay. I expect to cut next year's sweet clover hay the same way, but will not let it get quite so tall or coarse.

The cattle eat the sweet clover hay all right and are doing well on it.

Yours respectfully,
George Annis.

We may state that we expect to see lots of sweet clover and alfalfa

seed used by our farmers this coming spring for these reasons:

(1) The best sweet clover seed costs today only about one-third as much as June and Mammoth clover seed.

(2) The best Grimm alfalfa seed costs, today, \$1.80 a bushel less than either of the red clovers (June and Mammoth.)

June and Mammoth clover seed, adapted to our climate, are going to be very scarce and high. Yes, there will be cheap red clover seed offered our farmers, and some will buy it; but it will be an expensive bargain before they are through with it.

The right way would be to buy your alfalfa, clover and sweet clover seed now.

Seed corn, too, is going to be extremely scarce and high, on account of the bad fall.

Your county agent knows where some can be had at \$6.25 a bushel, plus bag and freight. It was picked from the standing stalk before frost (the correct way), and dried in a seed corn house equipped with furnace and power fan to drive off moisture. It has a guaranteed germination of 95 per cent.

Good seed corn, even at \$8.00 a bushel is not high. A bushel plants six acres. A dollar and a quarter per acre for seed corn is cheaper than seed oats.

E. M. T. BODIES REPRESENTED

Both the North Eastern Michigan Development Bureau and the East Michigan Tourist Association were represented at the meeting called by Governor Fred Green at Ionia, December 27. The meeting discussed conservation. Herman Lundin, of Gaylord and Lewiston, represented the North Eastern Michigan Development Bureau, and Otto F. Louis, of Bay City, represented the East Michigan Tourist Association.

FREDERIC

Lieut. Preston and wife returned home to Flint last Thursday. George Burke of Grayling was up last Thursday.

Mrs. Alex. LaGrove, Mrs. George Burke and Mrs. B. J. Callahan were callers of Mrs. J. J. Higgins, who is improving in health.

Last Monday morning at one o'clock Robert Leng Sr. quietly passed away. Over a year ago he was taken by a stroke and had been a great sufferer ever since. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday evening at 7:00 p. m., when the remains were taken to Banks for burial.

E. M. T. CONTINUES TO GET INQUIRIES

The East Michigan Tourist Association continues to receive inquiries in response to its 1926 advertising. One day recently an inquiry was received from Roumania. The inquiry was elicited through an advertisement which appeared last June in a promitory literary magazine. Whether Queen Marie's visit to this country heightened the interest of the inquirer is not known. Inquiries have been received during the past season from virtually every country in Europe.

HAD BAD EYE

Lavoptik Helped at Once
"I had a bad eye and a friend told me to use LAVOPTIK. It helped at once."—M. A. Connelly.

LAVOPTIK is a mild, soothing anesthetic which helps eye pains and inflammation surprisingly quick. Makes tired and weak eyes feel strong and fresh. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

BUSINESS HEADS SEE PROSPERITY FOR '27

Basic Conditions Are Regarded Sound, and Panic Is Held to Be Impossible.

New York.—Looking back over the dying year of 1926 and forecasting the business outlook for 1927, directors and members of the National Association of Manufacturers predict a continuance of the unprecedented prosperity of the nation.

They point to these outstanding facts:

1. Business is nearer to a cash basis than it ever has been in our history.
2. No financial panic can come—the federal reserve banking system stands as an indestructible buffer.
3. The industries are operating at a high rate of production.
4. The margin of profits has been narrowed and we are closer to a true relationship between costs and sales.
5. Competition will be stronger.
6. Credits have decreased and there is ample money at reasonable rates.
7. People generally are contented and there are gradually fewer labor disturbances.

Among individual opinions are the following:

JOHN E. EDGERTON, president National Association of Manufacturers—Government officials who know, individual economists, and private reports all tell us our country is in the finest position we have ever known; that we have attained a new national standard of living. Recent surveys made by the National Association of Manufacturers among its members support this appraisal amply. Ninety-nine per cent of our members are planning for better business in 1927 than they had in 1926, classifying their chances variously as from excellent down to fair. Only 1 per cent takes a pessimistic view and anticipates a decline. Seventy-five per cent have increased their forces; and 89 per cent are paying higher wages this year than last year.

ELBERT H. GARY, chairman United States Steel corporation—We are rich in resources, including cash balances in the banks. Our banking facilities have been improving year by year ever since the federal reserve was established. This is likely to continue.

Labor conditions are unusually good.

No one can be certain as to what is going to happen. But with the opportunities as outlined, there is no reason why prosperity during 1927 will be seriously interrupted. If business shall be seriously diminished during the coming year, it will be the fault of ourselves, and not the fault of natural conditions or the lack of consideration and fair treatment by the national administration.

Non-Poisonous Alcohol Announced by Mellon

Washington.—Poisons will be eliminated when denaturing alcohol under supervision of the government, Secretary Mellon announced. The new formula, however, provides an alcohol utterly unsuited for beverage purposes. Mr. Mellon urged non-poisonous denaturing methods on the ground that more rigid prohibition enforcement would certainly result in drinkers resorting to stimulants of their own manufacture.

Washington.—The percentage of wood alcohol used in denaturing industrial alcohol for twenty years, including the period of prohibition, was doubled when the revised "completely denatured alcohol formula 5" went into effect on January 1.

This revision was approved by Secretary Mellon on October 8. But the fact that the wood alcohol content required was twice that which had been used attracted little attention outside the industrial alcohol trade. Number 5 is one of two general formulas for industrial alcohol that became effective January 1. Three have been dropped. In addition to these two there will be continued what are known as "special formulas" for specific preparations.

There were more deaths from alcoholism in New York City during 1926 than in any other year since 1910, according to figures made public by Health Commissioner Harris. The year's total is placed at 724.

Figures compiled from dispatches throughout the United States indicate great increases in deaths from alcoholism and poison hooch during 1926. Some figures follow:

Philadelphia, 800; Boston, 145; Chicago, 828; St. Louis, 56; Baltimore, 71; Columbus, 8; Omaha, 10; Harrisburg, 6; Detroit, 121; Los Angeles, 80; Minneapolis, 28; Pittsburgh, 180.

Edwin A. Olson, just previous to the end of his four-year term as United States attorney for the northern Illinois district, charged in a report submitted to Washington that \$30,000,000 graft is collected annually in Cook county from booze, vice and miscellaneous crime.

Big Cargo of Monkeys

New York.—Five giraffes, 100 monkeys, two hyenas, two brown bears and 6,000 canaries formed a part of the cargo of the Hamburg American liner Hamburg, which docked here a few days ago.

Leaves Million for Aged

Sterling, Ill.—Approximately \$1,000,000 is bequeathed for funding a home for the aged of Sterling and Rock Falls, Ill. in the will of John W. Martin, former Sterling merchant.

WHAT SHE MEANT



"I am thinking of going into the movies."
"Well don't expect me to loan you the quarter."

THINKS HE'S SAFE



"Don't you believe in saving your money for a rainy day?"
"Now! I've already got an umbrella."

COULDN'T BREATHE



"Now, don't breathe this to a soul."
"I can't. I've been eating garlic."

CREDIT TO THE TOWN



"He's a credit to the town, don't you think?"
"Judging by the number of people he owes, I do."

BOYISH BOBS



"You think Bob is too young and inexperienced for me?"
"Yes. I never cared for those boyish Bobs."

TUT-TUT!



Egg.—Mr. Sausage looks very gloomy and sorrowful.
Oyster.—Yes, a "sad dog!"

Not Hard to Protect Trees From Rodents

Rabbits and mice destroy thousands of dollars' worth of young trees annually, according to the observations of a well-known fruit specialist, who recommends the use of some scheme of protecting the growths. Several kinds of protectors are commonly used for this purpose, namely, heavy roofing paper which does not contain tar, or wood veneer protector, as sold by nurseries and fruit supply houses. However, a galvanized wire of one-quarter of an inch mesh is said to be the best. While it is more expensive than the other two, it will last for many years and does not have to be removed from the tree in the spring, as should be done with the paper and wood protectors.

The protectors should be placed around the trees in such a way that mice cannot get in from underneath and at a height of about 30 inches, so that the entire trunk may be protected. If the wire mesh is used, cutting the wire is advised in order that the protection formed will be four or five inches in diameter to allow for several years' growth of the trunk.

East Can Teach West Proper Use of Time

Time, the most precious thing in the western world, and particularly in America, is, in the Orient, given its proper value in relation to living. In countries like China that have endured for centuries time is not measured off in ruthless blocks, so many years of irresponsible childhood, so many years of frantic work in a great furnace of competition, pitifully few years in which to prepare for the dread specter of old age and then, oblivion. Time in the Far East is a motionless procession of days gliding soundlessly one into the other, all of them precious, but none of them to be regarded as one's last chance.

A man works. He does his best. His business is never too pressing for him to welcome the stranger. And when he lunches or dines he does just that, making a pleasurable accomplishment out of a necessary function instead of resenting the necessity and satisfying it in a 15-minute series of gulps.—From Japan.

Locomotive's Breathing

The puffing of a railway engine is a common-enough sound, but few people know by what it is regulated. Actually the number of pulls made by a locomotive in the course of a journey depends on the circumference of its driving wheels.

No matter what the speed of the train may be, the engine will give four pulls for every complete turn of the driving wheels. The wheels may vary in circumference, but the average is 20 feet.

With the average driving wheels and a speed of fifty miles an hour, a locomotive will give 880 pulls a minute, or 52,800 pulls an hour, the driving wheels performing 13,200 complete revolutions in the sixty minutes.

Lesson in Spelling

Ralph Waldo Emerson got a lesson in spelling as he spoke from R. E. Richardson of the Electric Bond and Share company, a globe-trotter, who has laid up a vast store of varied information and philosophy.

Young Richardson, when a little lad, attended school at Concord, Mass. Emerson was then head of the school board. The members appeared at school at certain intervals and put the pupils through more or less of an oral examination.

The sage, pointing to Richardson, asked: "How do you spell horse?"

"H-o-s-e," came the instantaneous reply.

Even the grave Emerson had to smile.—Forbes Magazine (New York).

Strict Dietetic Rules

Followers of the Buddhist religion give attention to a strict regulation in their eating and drinking habits. Intoxicating beverages are expressly forbidden and the eating of meat is permissible only under the following restrictions: One must have killed the animal himself, he must not have ordered any one to kill it, it must not have been killed by any one with the intention of supplying it to him, and he must not suspect that the animal has been killed. However, meat-eaters among the Buddhists of Ceylon, Burma, and Siam get around these laws.

He Understood

A young man fell in love with a girl who did not return his affection. After he had proposed to her several times she lost her temper and replied:

"Look here, I ain't going to marry you—never. I wouldn't marry you, not if you was the last man on earth, and I don't want nothing to do with you. Is that plain English?"

"It is plain enough," replied the unabashed suitor, "but it isn't English, you know."

Postgraduate Diploma

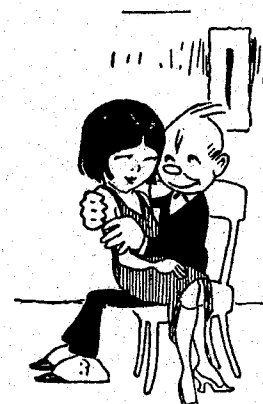
"When one of my feminine friends asks how old I am," said the resourceful woman, "I always put the burden of the fib on the questioner." "How do you mean?" "I just say lightly: 'Oh, I'm a year or two older than you, you know, my dear—at least a year older. Let me see now, how old are you?' And then she always knocks me off my age when I should ever have the courage to do myself.—Boston Transcript.

WAS HELPED OUT.



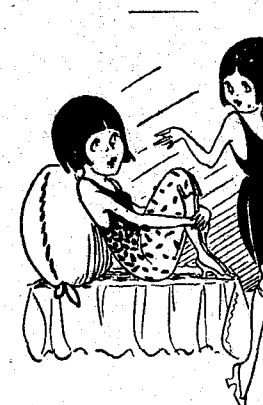
"Did you find it difficult proposing to your girl?"
"Why—er—yes—but her father helped me out."

HAD DREAMY EYES



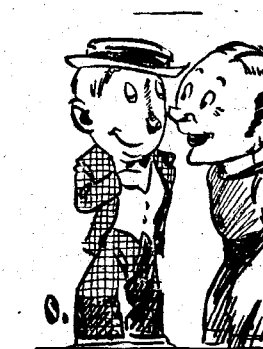
He—I love your dreamy eyes.
She—Yes? It's these late petting parties give 'em to me.

WOULDN'T WAIT



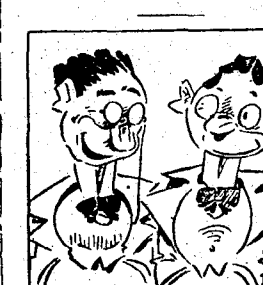
"George wanted me to promise to marry him as soon as I'm twenty-one."
"What did you say?"
"I said I wouldn't wait six years for any man."

OH!!



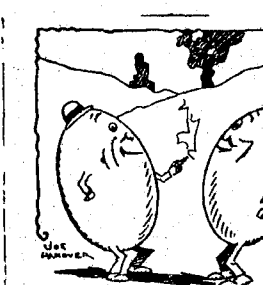
"Joe, I lifted a 200-pound dumb-bell yesterday."
"Zatso? What was her name?"

SO 'TIS SAID



"It's hades, ain't it?"
"What?"
"If you miss going to heaven."

AN EGG BEATER



First Egg—Johnny Egg was arrested for beating his wife.
Second Egg—Ha, ha, a regular egg beater, eh!

Flashy Clothes Worn in Shakespeare's Time

The gallants of Shakespeare's time vied with the belles in their love of dress. The men favored red, blue or green velvet created with gold. Their hair they clipped closely, but cultivated their beards, which invariably were trimmed to a point, and mustaches were in favor.

In the early-Tudor period broad-toed shoes, which in slashes and puffs vied with the doublets worn, were much in favor and in the matter of head-dresses the women shared with the men the use of the egretted milan bonnets of varied and vivid colors, says Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly, editor of the Standard dictionary. Wigs were in favor with the women and, perched high upon maidenly or matronly head, might be seen fair-haired wigs of huge proportions—red being the favorite hue, presumably in honor of her majesty the virgin queen.

Small wonder, then, that occasional sniffs at the tiny looking-glass that dangled from the belt were necessary to see that this ornate structure was properly set in place. Tradition has it that to this practice the language owes the common expression, "Is my hat on straight?"

Franklin as America's First "Song Plugger"

America's original "song plugger" and music publisher was none other than Benjamin Franklin. Furthermore, the songs were his own compositions, for the statesman, inventor, printer, diplomat, philosopher and educator also was a composer and all-around musician. History has it that the allegro-tempo drinking song, "Paper," words and music of which were written by Franklin, often was sung by him in the hall-fellow-well-met atmosphere of the Junto clubrooms, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. On many an evening the sonorous voice of Franklin was heard in chorus with his friends. He was an orthodox believer in correct tempo in music and it is not hard to imagine him tapping time on the table of the clubroom. He not only wrote songs, but set them into type and proceeded to hawk them through the streets, thus proving himself a pioneer sales promoter. Franklin developed the harmonic or glassy chord. He also was a talented performer on the harp, guitar and violin.

Wills Reveal Character

The "ruling spirit" very often shows up strongly in that intensely human document—a man's will. As often as not one can sum up the strength or weakness of his character clearer, by means of his "last testament," than by any other document.

To attempt to trace the origin of will-making would be a thankless task, but it is known that the prophet Job left a document more or less equivalent to the modern will. Specimens have been found in Egyptian tombs which were drawn up 2,000 years before Christ. Among the oldest English wills are those of Alfred the Great and William the Conqueror, who bequeathed his newly acquired realm of England to his son William Rufus.

Library Mysteries

Judge a man by his looks if you will, but don't judge him by his books. This is the advice of the clerk of a circulating library in a downtown book store, who explodes the theory that the books that a man selects are a certain index to his temperament and mentality. "I've seen lawyers take out a silly love story, doctors pick up a mystery tale and fappers walk out with a cook book. This in itself means nothing. The fapper may only want a new candy recipe and the doctor may be taking the book home for a fifteen-year-old son."—Detroit News.

The Japanese Way

Drinking tea is one way the Japanese have of embroidering the stuff of nature and making life interesting. The Japanese even have a "Holy Scripture of Tea," which directs exactly how tea shall be made so that "each leaf should fold like a mist rising out of a ravine and be wet and soft like fine earth newly swept by rain." Centuries ago a Japanese named Rikyu founded the tea cult and wrote an elaborate code of tea etiquette that is unchanged to this day. —Tea and Coffee Journal.

Grateful Expectancy

Herbert, aged three, had been given an orange by a gentleman who had called. As oranges were a rare luxury in Herbert's experience he gazed at the fruit in rapt admiration, but could say nothing.

Mother, after waiting for him to thank his benefactor, decided to prompt him, so she said, "What do you say, son?"

"Oh, thanks," said the little fellow, hardly withdrawing his gaze from the golden ball, "have you got any more?"

Chinese Burial Customs

In the early history of China it was customary to kill servants and bury them with the master so they might serve him in the spirit world. In time this was recognized as too barbarous a custom, and sculpture heads of clay were substituted for the living sacrifice. At first these objects were unglazed, but as the Chinese learned glazing from the western world, they began burying glazed heads, not only of people, but of chickens, cattle and other animals.

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GREEN PLANS BUSINESS ERA FOR MICHIGAN

(Continued from front page)
dividuals, an opportunity to draft platforms and make it possible to call for service distinguished citizens who would not inject themselves into a contest.

Conservation interests me intensely, and I shall spare no effort to make our department outstanding in the nation.

I was raised in the north country and have seen the forests disappear. I have seen hardy men move upon these denuded lands, build a little home, clear a plot of ground and then, unable to make even a living, move away and abandon it all. There has seemed little hope for the country that once supported great pine forests. However, with increased prosperity, tourists have started to come for their vacations to our north country. The Upper Peninsula is one great natural park, unsurpassed in scenery and climate. In every part of our state there are beautiful lakes and streams with some woodland, and in their charm and in our summer climate lies the possibility of making the state more prosperous. The tourists, who furnish to the state its third largest industry, are interested in the fish, the game, the forests and all outdoor life. One live deer seen by the tourists has more advertising value for Michigan than the thousands of dead bucks that come over the Straits every fall.

Game refuges are necessary. We must have more public parks, and those we already have must be developed. Michigan could do nothing finer for her boys and girls than to make it possible for them to take their vacation in these public parks and have a part in reforestation. In this connection I would like to warn against overdoing the exploitation of wild areas by highway building. Michigan should follow the example of the United States government and preserve tracts of real wilderness in addition to readily accessible parks. Regions that can be entered only by the hiker or the canoeist have an appeal to the old American spirit of hardihood and adventure.

The taking of large tracts of land from the tax rolls for the purpose of reforestation, game refuges and public parks would create a hardship in some counties. It would seem fair that the state should pay local taxes on the assessed valuation of these tracts of land.

We are now working in conjunction with the United States Bureau of Fisheries. This bureau began a survey of all our hatcheries on January 1. They have proven conclusively that it is possible to restore fish to the streams, and we are availing ourselves of their wonderful store of information. There is a seemingly unlimited amount of expert knowledge and assistance in Washington that is ours for the intelligent asking.

It is our intention to establish nurseries at each hatchery so that instead of planting the fry, that has been such a lamentable failure for all these years, there will be nothing planted smaller than fingerlings. They will be planted at the headwater of feeder streams that will be closed to fishing. We are confident that with this changed method of planting there will be fishing for all. While the trout will be cultivated, we will not neglect the bass, the bluegill, the walleye and the perch. Rainbow trout will not be stripped of their spawn, hit on the head, and sold for meat. Adequate fish ladders or other means will be provided for the fish in spawning time. Pollution of streams must have our persistent attention. You will be asked to consider a measure enabling municipalities to charge for the disposal of sewage, as they now do for water service, and such a law would go a long way toward overcoming the grave economic obstacles in the way of cleaning our streams.

Michigan, nearly surrounded by the Great Lakes, has the largest interest in commercial fishing of any of the eight states that are touched by these waters. It is one of our most important industries. There is a steady decline in the supply and a united effort on the part of all the lake states and Canada should be made for improved uniform fishing laws that this industry may be preserved. The U. S. Department of Commerce is co-operating to achieve this result.

The farmer, whose rights and interests have been to a large extent disregarded in the conservation movement throughout the country, is vitally concerned. The state should proceed to give him full control of his own property by the strengthening of our trespass laws. These laws must be tied up closely with our game laws, as has been successfully done in other states. It should be necessary for the hunter to get the farmer's permission to hunt upon cultivated land rather than for the farmer to be obliged to post warning signs.

By combining the best of scientific knowledge with aggressive action, Michigan can hope in the next few years to turn the balance, changing a condition of uncertainty and anxiety regarding conservation into the beginning of a new day of solid achievement and permanent betterment.

You will be asked for a statute which will permit, as part of the punishment of flagrant game law violation, a forfeiture of license and a refusal of license to hunt or fish for a certain definite period.

Further, without education will never restore the game and fish to Michigan. The conservation department will carry out a complete campaign of education throughout the schools of the state. The very foundation of conservation is reforestation. This work has been given splendid start, and plans already laid out will be carried through.

This Legislature will receive a report from a commission that has been appointed to investigate the "law's delays" and other kindred subjects. I commend this report to you and hope you will study it carefully and make into law such of its recommendations as appeal to you. Personally, I have little hope that the legal profession will furnish adequate remedies for the disgraceful condition we now find in our criminal practice.

One of the first duties of a government is the protection of life and property. In this most primitive and fundamental function our criminal laws and court machinery have not kept pace with modern methods of organized crime. Nothing in modern American life is so weak and incompetent as our criminal courts. No business could survive their inefficiency. While crime is diminishing in every other civilized country in the world, it is increasing here.

Bar associations everywhere admit and deplore these facts, but nothing is done. We leave to them the duty of keeping their profession clean, yet there is hardly a town of any considerable size that does not contain at least one shyster lawyer. In the large cities there are many of them, and the fact of their presence is known to all the legal profession. We need some new method by which a non-learned profession can be kept clean.

By making ignorance a qualification for jury service, allowing endless challenges, allowing technical objections intended solely to keep facts from being brought out, and granting new trials for inconsequential errors, we succeed in preventing justice and allow thousands of guilty men to escape. Our judges are helpless. Justice Taft says the law gives more concern and protection to criminals than to society.

It is estimated by Judge Cavanaugh of Chicago that there are 135,000 murderers at liberty in the United States. More men have been murdered in this country since 1918 than we had killed in the great World War. In London in 1924 there were 27 murders; in Paris, 59, and in New York, 333. In Cleveland in 1920 there were six times as many murderers as there were in London, which has ten times as great a population.

In Great Britain the ordinary criminal case is disposed of within a few days. As a result, in proportion to its population, Great Britain has one in our 52. Crime is less frequent in England than in the days of the Puritans. This difference in the safety of human life in this country and the United Kingdom is brought about by the fact that the criminal over there knows that he is going to get an immediate trial, with no technicalities interfering with justice and that his punishment will surely follow conviction. Speedy and certain justice terrifies and deters. In this country if we succeed in sending the guilty to jail and keeping them there, the performance is almost unusual.

Bar associations are splendid organizations and have made many efforts to improve conditions, but up to now they have failed and the condition under which justice is being dispensed, especially in the large cities, has become unbearable. We have called in business men; they have shown us the way out many times; perhaps they could help now. The Legislature might well afford to give much of its energy to making Michigan a state where life and property are safe. If you miss this opportunity because of the difficulty involved, you will regret it deeply because it is the outstanding weakness in our government.

One of the problems of administration is to reduce the large number of expensive state employees. A supervising official who is employing more help than is necessary is robbing the state and should be dismissed. The people have been advised that we will turn the government at Lansing into a service station, and we must keep that promise.

There will be no Representative or Senator in the floor of either chamber authorized to speak for me. If I have any communication to make to you, either individually or collectively, I shall make it in person.

I do not want to tire you with an exhaustive discussion of too many matters. Later I want to submit a message dealing with the cement plant, the Grand Trunk Railroad deal, and the new prison.

This administration is starting out firm in the belief that we are all friends working for the common good of Michigan. I believe you are entering upon your duties with the idea of service. With this as a basis of understanding, I am anxious to work with you to the end that this may be Michigan's outstanding Legislature.

You will have first call upon my time, and I will give you the best service in my power.

In all our work let us remember "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

Local News

Miss Hazel Cassidy spent Monday and Tuesday in Saginaw.

William Mosher is home from West Branch, where he is doing some concrete work.

Mrs. Robert Reagan and daughter Elaine spent New Year's at Cheboygan.

Mrs. Jens Ellerson entertained several ladies at her home Wednesday afternoon in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Dorothy and Basil Johnson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson had their tonsils removed at Mercy hospital Tuesday.

Miss Evelyn Johnson returned home yesterday from Petoskey where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Schomberg for a few days.

Mrs. Clyde Cady, age 36 years, who was brought to Mercy hospital a couple of days ago in a serious condition, passed away this morning.

Mrs. Eva Bala and Mr. Dan McIntyre were united in marriage last evening at the home of the former's Justice O. P. Schumann tied the knot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson returned Wednesday to their home in Flat Rock after spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neils Olson.

Mrs. Herbert Wolff of New York and daughter, Mrs. Halford Kittleman of Chicago arrived Wednesday to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hanson.

George Kniss and Ray Lewis stopped in Grayling Tuesday enroute to Flint after spending the holidays with their families in Sigma. While here they visited George Annis.

Mrs. Agnes Bissonette and sister, Miss Dorothy LaBrash, who are employed in Flint visited over the year's at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaBrash.

Mrs. Fred Hanson entertained a number of lady friends at her home last Tuesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent visiting, after which the hostess served a delicious lunch.

The choir of the Michelson Memorial church held a toboggan party on Wednesday evening after choir practice, returning later in the evening to enjoy a delicious lunch in the church basement.

Governor Green gave his speech this noon before the State Senate and House of Representatives and it is so full of interest and sincerity that we are printing it almost in its entirety. It begins on the first page.

Bert Preston, brother of Ray Preston, and Mrs. Pearl Smith were united in marriage Wednesday of last week. They will make their home in Grayling. Mr. Preston is employed by the M. C. R. on this division.

New is the time boys and girls to enter the contest at the Model bakery, to try your luck at winning the Sport Model Automobile, Coaster Wagon or Kiddie Car. All you have to do is save the large bluebirds cut from the Model bread wrappers.

The L. N. L. and N. L. V. S. held their installation of officers jointly at the American Legion hall last evening. Mrs. Fernie Feldhauser acted as installing officer for the ladies' organization and George A. Collier installed the officers for the N. L. V. S. After the ceremonies lunch was enjoyed.

News came today from Flint that Mrs. Frank Smith and son Casper had had a narrow escape from asphyxiation last Tuesday. They were washing in their basement when they suddenly became sick and dizzy, being almost overcome by gas fumes. Mrs. Smith, with considerable effort managed to get to the phone and called for help. Mrs. Smith was formerly Mary McNeven, daughter of Archie McNeven.

To honor Mrs. Herbert Wolff of New York and Mrs. Halford Kittleman of Chicago, Mrs. Marius Hanson and daughter, Miss Hanson gave a very attractive informal tea Wednesday afternoon to a small company of ladies. The tea table was centered with a large bouquet of pink and white flowers. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. Esbern Hanson who poured, Mrs. C. R. Keyport and Mrs. O. W. Hanson. Mrs. C. G. Clippert sang several selections which added greatly to the pleasure of the affair.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNORS COMING?

Michigan is expected to be prominent as a summer resort state more than ever during the summer of 1937. Two contributing factors will be the meeting at Mackinac Island in the summer of the annual conference of governors, and the possible presence at Mackinac Island of the summer White House of President Coolidge. An invitation to spend the summer here was formally presented to Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge by Governor Green.

Speaking of Shyllocks, we are not asking the return of that blithering dollars wave of food and clothing we gave a freezing, starving Europe following the Armistice.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL SCHEDULE

So far this season the Grayling High School Boys' Basketball team have played the following games:

Dec. 8—Mackinac City at Grayling.

Dec. 10—Roscommon at Grayling.

Dec. 17—Cheboygan at Grayling.

Dec. 21—At Roscommon.

Other games scheduled for the remainder of the season are as follows:

Jan. 14—Vanderbilt at Grayling.

Jan. 21—At West Branch.

Jan. 28—At Gaylord.

Feb. 4—At Cheboygan.

Feb. 11—(No game scheduled).

Feb. 18—West Branch at Grayling.

Feb. 25—Gaylord at Grayling.

March 4—(No game scheduled).

Girls' Games

Dec. 10—Roscommon at Grayling.

Dec. 21—At Roscommon.

Feb. 11—At Boyne City.

Feb. 25—Boyne City at Grayling.

So far this season the Grayling boys have won one game and lost three, splitting the series with Roscommon. The girls have fared better, they winning all their games this season.

The District High School basketball tournament will be held in Grayling on March 10, 11 and 12. The home people will recall the fine tournament held last season and will be looking forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to the next one. It is expected that all the teams that played here at the last tournament will again be scheduled and there are good reasons to believe that the number of entries will be increased.

DISCUSS BILL FOR STATE ADVERTISING FUNDS

A proposed bill sponsored by the Michigan Real Estate Association, to secure \$200,000 annually from the state, to advertise Michigan's recreational resources. The proposed bill was discussed at a meeting called by John A. Doelle, secretary of the Real Estate Association at Lansing, Wednesday, December 29.

The bill will provide for the distribution of the funds as follows: \$100,000 to be spent by a central committee to advertise the state as a whole, and \$100,000 to be divided equally among the organizations which are now advertising the state's recreational features and advantages.

Some dissatisfaction was manifested at the inclusion in the participating agencies of the newly formed so-called Southeastern Michigan Tourist and Publicity Bureau. This organization, it was shown was organized the day before the Lansing meeting. Promoters of the new agency are H. Wm. Klare and J. Lee Barrett, officers of the Detroit Convention & Tourist Bureau. The new organization, according to statements made, will include approximately a dozen counties in southeastern Michigan. Among the counties listed with the new tourist bureau are a half dozen which are already associated with the East Michigan Tourist Association through subscriptions from boards of supervisors and individual members.

The proposed bill will be submitted to the different organizations for approval.

APPRECIATION

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. 356, Rebekah Lodge, Mrs. Corwin and Grayling friends for their thoughtful letters and messages of cheer while Mrs. Schaible was at University hospital.

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PUBLIC UTILITY ISSUES

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

One of the most desirable fields for investment at this time lie in public utility common and preferred stocks. Most of the important ones are making gradual, healthy progress.

Two supreme court decisions were recently handed down which prove reassuring in respect of values of all classes of utilities, namely, the rate cases of Consolidated Gas Co. of New York and of the Indianapolis Water Co. In the latter case, the point hinged upon a difference of opinion between the company and the Indiana Public Service Commission as to the basis of valuing utility properties for rate making purposes. In other words, what constitutes a fair return? The court held that a reasonable rate of return is not less than 7 per cent necessarily and went on to say that historical cost, past performances and other such elements are of little or no weight as compared with the probabilities that lie immediately ahead, one, two or even three years in the future.

This will enhance the value of utility stocks. Within the past six months many of the utility issues have made rather remarkable advances. Brooklyn Union Gas has advanced 23 per cent in the past year. Public Service of New Jersey has made gains in market price of over 20 per cent and Consolidated Gas of New York of 17 per cent. Notable gains also were made by Montana Power, Columbia Gas & Electric and Laclede Gas. These advances were not made on account of the rate decision. Since this decision it is a well known matter of record that the advance attained still looms higher.

Of course it would be unwise to buy any stock at a time when it was hovering around its record high mark, but there are opportunities left for the investor who wants to get a good solid return on his money with a chance of appreciation. Such opportunities may be found in International Telephone & Telegraph, Cities Service common, Associated Gas & Electric, Standard Gas & Electric and many others. The main thing in choosing such a security is the question of gradual increase of earnings, capital position, management, past record and general outlook.

LET THE CHILDREN MAKE SILHOUTTES

A silhouette or outline portrait is very simple to draw and the drawing is an ideal pastime for a cold evening. All that is necessary is a sheet of white paper to pin against the wall, a pencil and a light of some kind. The one whose portrait is to be drawn sits between the light and the paper so that the shadow of her profile is thrown upon the screen. The artist, urging his model to sit perfectly still, sketches the outline of the shadow with his pencil or crayon, and later cuts the silhouette out with knife or scissors.

Baby's head, daddy with his pipe, a sleeping kitten or even the canary, may be drawn easily. The canary may be outlined on yellow or orange-colored paper, so that when he is clipped he will be silhouetted in his natural color.

State Highway Commissioner Frank P. Rogers reports that there has been completed this year up to the end of October 288.39 miles of State trunk line construction. Of this, 142.09 miles were concrete and 146.30 miles gravel, the rest black top. The mileage of this new construction given Federal aid was 143.33. Up to October 22 contracts were awarded for 420.16 miles of trunk lines, of which 230.424 are for concrete. The contract figure for these awards is \$7,460,156.87. Up to the same date contracts were awarded for 24 bridges.

Ten thousand persons it is estimated, stopped during the summer months to drink from the Iron Tons Springs, three and one-half miles north of Gaylord on M-14. A majority of those who stopped were visitors from outside the State. The spring is alongside the main highway, accessible to every one who passes and was piped to the roadside by the Michigan Highway Department. A large sign above, advises the tourist the water is tested by the Michigan Department of Health and is safe for drinking.

Comparative figures have been prepared by an official of the State Highway Department between horse-drawn vehicles and motor vehicles for one day in 1913, and for a single day in 1928. The point at which the count was taken is on M-10 one mile south of Pontiac, and the figures for one day, in 1913, are: Horse-drawn vehicles, 66; motor cars, 226; motor buses 0; motor trucks, 14. For 1928, horse-drawn vehicles, 11; motor cars, 7,533; motor buses, 168; motor trucks, 1,533; motor truck trailers, 288.

The traffic through the Sault Ste Marie locks up to the end of October, exceeds the similar period of the 1925 season by about 4,500,000 tons. Total freight shipments through the Sault canals so far has been 76,122,476 tons as compared with 71,627,729 tons last year. The October traffic this year was 13,879,275 tons, an increase of 1,200,000 tons over October 1925. Of the freight passing through, 8,938,947 tons was iron ore, an increase of 2,000,000 tons for that commodity over last October.

Ace Park at Saginaw, home of the Michigan State League, may be lost as a baseball park. Arthur Clements, president of the club, has leased the park to the Fordney Petroleum Company for oil well drilling, with the stipulation that the drilling must start at once and the drillers must be out of the park by March 1 if no oil is found. But the chances of finding oil are considered good, since property adjoining it to the north has developed oil and has been successfully drilled.

Editorial Paragraphs

The New York Times says members of the next Senate will spend most of their time "expelling one another." Which goes to show how satisfactory are the state-wide primary and direct election of senators.

The Philadelphia Sesqui-centennial has closed with five million dollar deficit. Why don't the directors ask for a cancellation of debts?

A German scientist says that the time is coming when we will get our heat and light from bottled hydrogen. Some of the bottled stuff—the bidders are now ought to be hot enough to do it.

One correspondent says that since the state's attorney was a Democrat and the defense attorney a Republican, the result of the Hall Mills case was a New Jersey Republican victory, and if this is true there will doubtless be a Senate investigation shortly.

In New York City they are trying to get an ordinance closing the cafes at 3:00 a. m. Back in God's country that's about the time they open up for the early customers.

"Italian Volcano Active" says a current newspaper headline. We'll bet this bit of information will make Mussolini envious.

Who remembers the days when the women, starting down town on a cold afternoon, donned an extra petticoat or two, in order to keep warm?

We are rapidly coming to the conclusion that Gene Tunney is the Sinclair Lewis of the prize-fighters.

The best place to put the liquor which the bootlegger brings up these days is in the radiator.

Well, don't you suppose Queen Marie will have a lot to tell the maids of honor, or whatever they call 'em, now that she is back home?

The old fashioned man who used to drive to the county seat on Saturday night and tie his horse to the courthouse hitchrack, has a son who can leave home at dark and go to the city in time for the opening of the regular program at the Opera house.

The new Greater New York telephone books for this winter contain nearly eleven hundred thousand names. Just think how much fun the telephone girls must have with that many wrong numbers to pick from.

A number of ladies met in Washington the other day to abolish war. All right, let them go ahead and do it.

Manager Bucky Harris of the Washington American league baseball team has been admitted to the Washington social register. But it is to be doubted whether this will help much in getting Washington another pennant.

There is no doubt that the way of the transgressor is hard, but it generally makes the way of the lawyers pretty easy.—Dayton News.

A talisman was excused from jury duty in San Antonio when he said he was a bootlegger. The rich always find a way.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Well, friends, pretty soon we'll all have the old car paid for and can start paying for a new one.—Santa Rosa Press-Democrat.

Al Smith's feat of carrying New York state is one thing; carrying the rest of the country is forty-seven other things.—Detroit Free Press.

Americans lose \$900,000 yearly by not presenting government bonds for redemption. And then they call us dollar chasers!—Milwaukee Journal.

Fewer baby rattles are being sold but that is not because there are fewer babies. It's just useless to try to rattle the modern baby.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

We thought the cotton crop would become a problem in the South when the girls all began to wear silk hose.—Des Moines Register.

One fellow lost control of his car the other day because he couldn't keep up the payments.—Anderson Herald.

The Bear Creek Philosopher

The old-fashioned rounder who used to squander his week-end wages for liquor on Saturday night, has a son who spends most of his income for gasoline.

"There, I'm glad that's over," said Grandma Grimes, as she finished the concluding paragraph in the evidence of the Halls-Mills trial.

The building commissioner, after an inspection of the town hall has issued an order prohibiting the dancing of the Charleston or the Black Bottom there until the building is braced.

Uncle Billy Garvester says that the saying about what is one man's meat being another man's poison, must have been intended for the bootlegger and his victim.

The new milliner at the Boston store says that she is making herself a new evening gown out of the ruffle on the bottom of her mother's wedding dress.

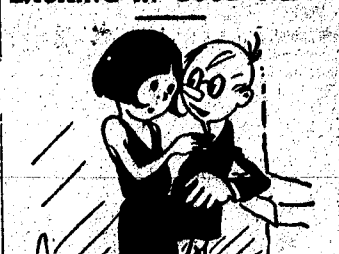
Vinol Gives Girl Appetite and Strength

"My 10-year-old daughter was weak and had no appetite. Since giving her Vinol, she has an amazing appetite and strength."—Mrs. W. Joosten. The very first week they take Vinol, children begin to feel stronger, eat and sleep better. A simple strengthening iron and cod liver compound in use for over 25 years for run-down men and women and weak children. Contains no oil—pleasant to take. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

Brake for Wild Pens

Emergency brakes for fountain pens would be a wonderful invention for infatuated millionaires.—Jester.

LACKING IN GOOD TASTE



"So your girl threw you over? But you wouldn't care to marry such a girl in any case?"
"No; she's evidently lacking in good taste."

NOW SET KNEECAPS



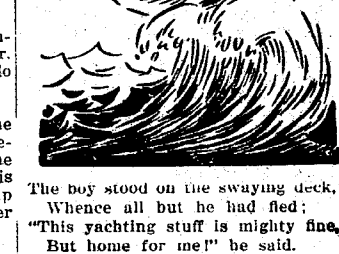
He—The girls are all setting their kneecaps for the fellows nowadays.

IN A CHOPPY SEA



The boy stood on the swaying deck, Whence all but he had fled; "This yachting stuff is mighty fine, But home for me!" he said.

WANTS CASH



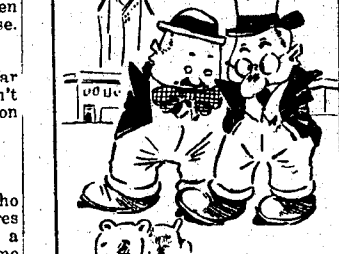
Friend—You say your wife never wants credit for anything she does? Hubby—No—she wants cash.

EXTRAORDINARY DOG



"He's an extraordinary dog, eh? Knows the value of money?"
"Yes—he picks up a cent almost every time I take him out."

HARPS WERE LYRES



"What wonderful tales of true love the harps of the old poets told."
"Oh I don't know—those harps were lyres."

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